

NC Institutional Galleries

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metal, paper, mixed media and natural materials. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at (www.craftguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **May 7, from 10am-4pm** - "Mini Pop-up Fair". In the lower level parking lot of the Folk Art Center, Guild members will have an opportunity to share their creative efforts with the public in an outdoor carefully-spaced layout. Visitors can shop for a variety of fine craft of different disciplines: bladesmithing, glassblowing, wheel-thrown and hand-built ceramics, woodturning, metalsmithing, leatherwork, and furniture making. The public will get to see beautiful craftwork in a fun, casual setting while Guild members have an opportunity to find new homes for their pieces. Free Event. **May 14, from 10am-4pm** - "Fiber Day". From sheep shearing to wearable textiles – learn the process of fiber art. Guild Makers and friends will demonstrate a variety of techniques during this free community event. Get a close-up look and enjoy interactive demonstrations. Visitors can bring their own handwork, whether it be crochet, embroidery, or spinning. Bring a blanket, walk the mountain trails, and enjoy a spring afternoon of craft! Free event. **Main Gallery, Through May 15** - "Fibers/Handweavers Guild of Western North Carolina". Featuring works by members of the Western North Carolina Fibers/Handweavers Guild, a variety of textile disciplines will be on display. Processes represented include spinning, shibori, batik, silkscreen, weaving, natural dyeing, needle felting, knitting, and more. The Guild was incorporated in 1976 to promote and encourage participation in and appreciation of fine craftsmanship as it relates to textile arts. Local Cloth, INC (Asheville, NC), Yadkin Valley Fiber Center (Elkin, NC), Heritage Weavers and Fiber Artists (Hendersonville, NC), and Tryon Arts and Crafts (Tryon, NC) are members of the WNC Fibers/Handweavers Guild. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: wood-carving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history – that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. Wells Fargo of Asheville has donated Hardy Davidson's Carvings to the SHCG's Permanent Collection. Hailing from Swannanoa, NC, woodcarver Hardy Davidson became a Guild Member in 1944 and was awarded Life membership in 1973. The Bank of Asheville commissioned these carvings sometime between 1930 and 1940, according to Hardy Davidson's great nephew, Glen Campbell. Almost eight decades later, the carvings have found a new home at the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway. "We are pleased to donate the wooden carvings by Hardy Davidson to the Southern Highland Craft Guild," said Neal Diquatro, District Manager for Wells Fargo in Asheville. **Focus Gallery, Through May 24** - "Beautiful Mystery, featuring works by Judi Harwoods (clay), Colin Richmond (clay), Cori Saraceni (mixed media), Lyn Lyndall (leather), and Lauren Faulkenberry (paper). **May 28 - Aug. 23** - "Earth's Gifts", featuring works by Jude Stuecker (fiber), Erica Bailey (jewelry), Mary Dashiell (fiber), Steve Miller (wood), and Rex Redd (wood). Aug. 27 - Nov. 8 - "Inspiration," featuring works by Tina Curry (clay), Kathleen Doyle & Tom Reardon (jewelry), Elizabeth Garlington (fiber), Susan Link (fiber), and Alan Hollar (wood). Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: call 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild on Tunnel Road, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s–1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men

and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville **The North Carolina Arboretum**, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Visitor Center Exhibit Hall and at select locations in the landscape - Through May 8** - "Thanks FLO: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted". The exhibit on the man who planned both Central Park (his first major design) and the Biltmore Estates in Asheville (his final one), takes center stage on the occasion of his 200 birthday. The exhibit features a retrospective of Olmsted's life through landmarks and key moments and shows off a selection of his most iconic designs through vintage postcards, maps, and green screen technology. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

Beaufort

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, historic Rustell House of the Beaufort Historical Association, 100 Block Turner Street, Beaufort. **Through May 31** - Featuring works by Angela Harker. **Ongoing** - The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Carteret County's Oldest Gallery, is housed in one of the Historic Site's oldest buildings and features over 100 local and regional artists. An extensive collection of fine art, pottery, crafts, and gifts can be found at this special gallery. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 252/728-5225 or at (<https://beauforthistoricsite.org/gallery/>).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Red House Studios & Gallery, of the Swannanoa Valley Fine Art League, 310 W State Street, next to the Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain. **Through May 9** - "Marvelous Masters: A Tribute to Famous Artists." A reception will be held on Mar. 11, from 5-7pm. Artists in all mediums, create art that is in the spirit of, emulates the work of, or reflects the techniques and, or style of, a famous marvelous master. **May 13 - July 4** - "Side by Side: Art Inspiring Art". Artists draw inspiration from many different sources including other works of art. In contrast to simply copying/reproducing a work of art, inspirational works yield surprising and creative twists. A reception will be held on May 13, from 5-7pm. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 11am-4pm. Contact: 828/669-0351 or visit (<http://svfalarts.org/>).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Rankin West Gallery, Through July 31** - "Imminent Perils: To Wonder at Trifles in the Paintings of John Beerman". **Schaefer Gallery, Through May 8** - "Wildflowers: Glass Sculptures by Ronnie Hughes". Born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Ronnie Hughes' passion for working with glass came as a surprise. Despite his aptitude for fine detail, Ronnie's technique of flameworking durable borosilicate glass is largely self-taught. Initially inspired by an unexpected field of Pink Lady Slipper orchids during a hike in 1980, Hughes has devoted his studio work exclusively to wildflowers native to North Carolina ever since. His sculptures are characterized by an exacting attention to accurate flower structures and the organic forms that support and reinforce these delicate compositions. Seen here in clear glass, the artist's forms, while drawn from Nature, are almost ethereal in their ability to capture and diffuse light. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkway-craft@bellsouth.net).

Boone

Downtown Boone, 1st Friday every month, from 5-8pm - First Friday Art Crawl. For further info contact the Watauga Ars Council at 828-264-1789 (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Hands Gallery, 543 West King Street, Boone. **Ongoing** - What began as the dream of a small group of craftspeople in 1975 continues today in a very personal and continually-changing environment. The history of Hands Gallery Co-op is as varied and intriguing as the artists who have come and gone over the years. Dozens of artisans have explored the business opportunities Hands has given their work, while donating time and ideas to the growth and success of the gallery. Today, the co-op serves as a role model for arts and crafts co-ops throughout the Southeastern US. Hours: daily, 10am-6pm, except Thanksgiving & Christmas. Contact: 828-262-1970 or at (<http://www.handsgallery.org/>).

King Street Art Collective, Watauga Ars Council, 585 West King Street, (above Doe Ridge Pottery) Boone. **Ongoing** - A gallery and interactive art space with changing exhibits and activities celebrating the arts. Hours: Thur., 11am-5pm; Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 10am-2pm. Contact: 828-264-1789 or at (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).



Works by Elsie and Helen Klengenber

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Mezzanine Gallery, Through June 4** - "19th Annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition". In its 17th year, the "Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition" (AMPC) provides both amateur and professional photographers with the opportunity to showcase their interpretation of the unique character, people, places and pursuits that distinguish the Southern Appalachians. The categories include: Adventure, Blue Ridge Parkway, Culture, Our Ecological Footprint, Flora/Fauna and Landscape. Over 800 entries were submitted and the jury panel selected 52 finalist images. **Mayer Gallery, Through Aug. 27** - "Celestial: Dare Coulter". With the Universe as the source of inspiration, the Celestial exhibit is a series of multimedia works that explore the metaphor of creation. Dare Coulter is an award-winning artist, muralist, and sculptor. Her mission for her artwork is primarily to create positive and magical imagery of Black people and families. She hopes to have a mural on every continent within the next five years, and a series of sculptures depicting Black joy all over the world. **Gallery A, Through May 7** - "To Remain Connected: Jenny Irene Miller, Raven Moffett and Shauna Caldwell, Guest Curators". By bringing together work grounded in Inuit artmaking across generations, as well as through multifaceted and evolving practices, we hope to kindle conversations around the meaningful stories that are deeply rooted in community, placemaking and engage with ongoing legacies of creation. The featured artworks were selected because of the stories they tell and the connections they visualize. Our curatorial model stems from an embrace of the collective and highlights community through thoughtful portraiture as well as collaborative, familial and multigenerational art making. To Remain Connected presents rich layers of stories told through a multitude of interwoven voices rooted in land, memory and Inuit ways of being. While Inuit are linked together through art, language, food, and more, there are many unique Inuit communities, dialects, and lifeways across lands that have been renamed Alaska, Russia, Greenland, Canada and beyond. **Gallery B, Through May 7** - "In the Garden of Healing: Dara Mark". "The paintings in this exhibition were made over the five year period after my husband died. Each of them reflects my emotional state during the process of grieving and healing and describes in abstract terms an arc of personal growth. The paintings were not conceived of as therapy per se, but as the only way forward for me as an artist. The medium

– watercolor on Yupo paper – and the formal issues of transparency, flow and balance, were and are a continuation of my longtime studio practice. Color is always key. For the first year I used black, white and blue exclusively, because that felt right. Two years later, diagnosed with breast cancer, I was drawn to the warm colors of the spectrum: red, pink, orange, yellow," said Mark. **Hodges Gallery, Through June 4** - "The New West: An Old Story, Photographs by Joan Myers and Steve Fitch". Photographers have been reimagining the American West ever since cameras were ferried across the Mississippi River in the 1850s; photographs being the primary way people in the East could see what wonders lay in the then uncharted and mythical territories far to the West of the "Great River." According to the Native Languages of Americas website (www.native-languages.org/state-names), "Misiziibi" is the native name of the river in the Ojibwe language. Since the 1860s when the first photographs of Yosemite Valley were made, photographs—both still and moving images—have been instrumental in promoting the West as an unexplored wilderness and the land of opportunity. Although unacknowledged when convenient, as it often was, the lands west of the Mississippi were traditional homelands to many First Peoples and a diverse cross-section of Hispanic peoples who moved into the land with the Spanish Friars and Conquistadors funded by the Spanish Crown long before the West was Anglicized. **Community Gallery, Through June 4** - "To Be & Become: Corn Wagon Thunder". "My photographic self-portraiture is borne of a fascination with the Existential questions 'Who am I?' and 'Why am I?'. I am interested in dissecting the mode and manner of my own being. With a nod to the absurd, I use symbolism to visualize the riddle of life. Yet, with tenderness toward the mysterious edges of self-discovery. I use language to dance with the visual, to provide wayfinding but also to reinforce mystery. I focus the camera on myself as a method of examining my personal mythology and to consider how one constructs and transforms meaning in relation to existence. "To Be & Become" (Lost in the Becoming) chronicles my journey into midlife. Becoming the thing I didn't want to be – yet became, was becoming. This project began as the ten-year anniversary of my mother's death approached. I was thirty-five years old when she succumbed to cancer. As my adult life unfolds in her absence, I long intensely for her guidance and support. This work is an effort to summon her wisdom and guidance from beyond the grave and acknowledges the mysterious presence of absence." Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-6pm; Fri., noon-8pm; & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone **Throughout Appalachian State University campus, Boone. Through May 31** - "34th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition". Made possible by the continued generosity of the Rosen Family: The Martin & Doris Rosen Giving Fund/Debbie Rosen Davidson and David Rosen/Charles & Nancy Rosenblatt Foundation. The "Rosen Sculpture Competition and Exhibition" is an annual national juried competition presented by An Appalachian Summer Festival and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. Since its establishment by Martin and Doris Rosen in 1987, the Rosen competition continues a tradition of showcasing contemporary American sculpture in outdoor settings across the campus of Appalachian State University. This year, ten sculptures have been selected by juror Rachel Stevens. Cash prizes are awarded to three artists whose work is chosen by the juror and will be announced at the annual sculpture walk - a highlight of every summer festival season. Participating artists include: Wayne Vaughn (Graham, NC); Matt Amante (Winterville, NC); Charles Pilkey (Mint Hill, NC); Glenn Zweygardt (Alfred Station, NY); Rudy Rudisill (Gastonia, NC); Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC); Joan Benefiel (Brooklyn, NY); Tom Scicluna (Miami, FL); David Boyajian (New Fairfield, CT); and Gretchen Lotz (Orlando, FL). Hours: daylight hours. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

Brasstown

Folk School Craft Shop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Olive D. Campbell Building, Brasstown. **Ongoing** - The shop represents more than 300 juried craftspeople and features an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary Appalachian craft, including jewelry, pottery, wood, fiber, ironwork, basketry and other disciplines. You'll find marquetry earrings, clay serving platters, turned-wood bowls, functional fireplace poker sets and many more unique items. The shop is also proud to be the home of the world-renowned Brasstown Carvers. A book room houses hundreds of instructional and celebratory books on everything from basketry to writing. Buy a few art supplies or a CD from our collection of tradi-

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